

tion on the part of the men by saying: "The army should be used for national defense. It should never be used, of course, for police duty, for strike service or for anything that would not meet the approval of the workers. It must be the country's army—nothing more, nothing less. For the same reason service should be absolutely voluntary. No man should be influenced to belong to this industrial army for national defense against his wish."

But somewhere in the middle of the editorial, John, I find this significant sentence: "Take your men out during the noon hour and put them through the calisthenics that will make them supple, keep their waist lines within athletic bounds and relieve the fatigue that comes from bending over a work bench or the monotonous motions that are a feature of machine work day after day."

And in still another place you say: "It (military training) would afford recreation. Many workers get too little of that. Their idea of recreation is to go to the moving pictures or perhaps to lie around some park on a Sunday. These diversions are good, but military service is better. You have observed the soldierly bearing of men in military training. They are erect; their step is elastic. They are clear-eyed. They look a man fearlessly in the face," etc.

All very pretty, Johnny Glenn, but it won't do. Your industrial army isn't democratic. The evident purpose is to have it officered by the employers. "Take YOUR men out during the noon hour," you say. In a democracy workmen are their own men. They don't belong to the bosses.

And your army stunt couldn't be pulled off in any factory where the workmen are organized. It might be done in an open shop, open to none but non-union men—because they might join and drill out of fear that they would lose their jobs if they didn't. But if the shop were organized the men could look the bosses in the eye, anyhow—and tell them that they, the workers, would officer that democratic army.

The workers will be suspicious of such an industrial army as you suggest. Especially with your open shop policy. They won't feel like joining an army to fight for your property or your country when they are not permitted to organize now as workers to protect their own lives and those of their wives and children.

The continental army has gone up the spout. The people don't want the regular army enlarged, and the state militia has been discredited by its use as a strike-breaking agency of state policemen.

If we are going to have a national army of defense, John, it's got to be a democratic army—something along the lines of the Swiss plan, where the rich man and his son must make the same preparation for national defense as the poor man and his son—an army where military training will start in youth and officers will come up from the ranks on merit—an army not made up of hired mercenaries, soldiers trained to make a business of killing, but an army of ALL citizens of fit age and physique who can pursue the vocations of peace and only become soldiers when they are needed to defend their country from an invading foe.

This is a democracy, Glenn, and any defensive army we have must be a democratic army—one that the people themselves can control. Under your plan, if the workers drilled with guns, their employers would take charge of the guns and store them away in the plant, to be used only when they might see fit. Under a democratic plan, something like they have in Switzerland and Australia, the man who drilled with a gun could keep it in his own home—and be prepared to defend any invasion of his